

**Council (Extraordinary)  
MINUTES**

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**Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Otago Regional Council held in the Council Chamber, Level 2 Philip Laing House, 144 Rattray Street, Dunedin on Thursday 3 October 2024, commencing at 1:02 PM.**

[https://www.youtube.com/live/sSfOaT\\_jvy4?si=SrAkw9HxB\\_81ivNi](https://www.youtube.com/live/sSfOaT_jvy4?si=SrAkw9HxB_81ivNi)

**PRESENT**

Cr Gretchen Robertson	<i>(Chairperson)</i>
Cr Lloyd McCall	<i>(Deputy Chairperson)</i>
Cr Alexa Forbes	<i>(online)</i>
Cr Gary Kelliher	
Cr Michael Laws	
Cr Kevin Malcolm	
Cr Tim Mepham	
Cr Andrew Noone	
Cr Bryan Scott	
Cr Alan Somerville	<i>(online)</i>
Cr Elliot Weir	
Cr Kate Wilson	

## 1. WELCOME

Chair Robertson welcomed Councillors, members of the public and staff to the meeting at 1:03 pm. Staff present included Richard Saunders (Chief Executive), Tom Dyer (GM Manager Science and Resilience) Joanna Gilroy (GM Environmental Delivery), Amanda Vercoe (GM Strategy and Customer, Deputy CE), Kylie Darragh (Governance Support).

## 2. APOLOGIES

**Resolution: Cr Robertson Moved, Cr McCall Seconded:**

*That the apology for Cr Alexa Forbes for lateness be accepted.*

**MOTION CARRIED**

*1:05 pm Cr Alexa Forbes joined the meeting online.*

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed as published.

## 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No changes to Councillor Declarations of Interests were noted.

*Cr Scott left the meeting at 1:12 pm.*

*Cr Scott returned to the meeting at 1:14 pm.*

## 5. MATTERS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

### 5.1. Correspondence from the Minister for the Environment regarding the LWRP

[YouTube 9:30] This report presented the most recent letter received from the Minister for the Environment, regarding Otago Regional Council's Land and Water Regional Plan and sought direction from Council on a response to that letter. Richard Saunders, Chief Executive, was available to respond to questions.

**Resolution CM24-187 moved Cr Weir, seconded Cr McCall**

*That the Council:*

**1. Notes the report.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Cr Kelliher, Cr Malcolm, and Cr Noone voted against.

A division was called with the last two recommendations taken separately:

**Resolution: CM24-188 moved Cr Weir, seconded Cr McCall**

*That the Council:*

**2. Directs staff to include the option for a short pause as set out in the letter from the Minister for the Environment dated 26 September 2024, along with an assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of this option, as part of the report to consider plan notification on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2024.**

<b>For:</b>	Cr Forbes, Cr McCall, Cr Mephram, Cr Scott, Cr Somerville, Cr Weir, Cr Robertson.
<b>Against:</b>	Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Wilson.
<b>Abstained:</b>	

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CM24-189 moved Cr Weir, seconded Cr McCall**

*That the Council:*

**3. Approves the draft response from the Council to the Minister for the Environment.**

<b>For:</b>	Cr Forbes, Cr McCall, Cr Mephram, Cr Scott, Cr Somerville, Cr Weir, Cr Robertson.
<b>Against:</b>	Cr Kelliher, Cr Laws, Cr Malcolm, Cr Noone, Cr Wilson.
<b>Abstained:</b>	

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. CLOSURE**

There was no further business and Chair Robertson declared the meeting closed with a karakia at 2:04 pm.



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Chair

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Date

23/10/2024